

The Warrior

Comedy City Coming to Mexico

Submitted by Stacy Duncan, Director of Social Services

Missouri Veterans' Home - Mexico and the Mexico Elks #919 are again sponsoring a fundraiser for the Alzheimer's Association. This year we are hosting a Dinner Theatre on September 27, 2005. We will be serving a lasagna dinner with salad, bread and assorted desserts. Following the dinner there will be a small auction of home-made baked goods. Shortly after the auction, we will enjoy a comedy show from Comedy City of Kansas City, Missouri. At the end of the night, a drawing will be held for several donated items. Items that have been donated consist of a painting by Stan Smith, a cozy quilt from Sticky Wicket and an outside glider-rocker bench by Gerald Brewer. Items will be on display at Missouri Veterans' Home by August 1, 2005.

All of the money raised will go to the Mid-Missouri Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association in Columbia. The money is used for such things as reimbursement for respite care, monthly newsletter, and educational workshops to train those who work with people who suffer from Alzheimer's disease.

Alzheimer's disease is not just memory loss. People with Alzheimer's disease experience a decline in cognitive abilities such as thinking and understanding. People with Alzheimer's disease may also exhibit behavior changes that often result in physical and verbal abuse of the caregiver. Alzheimer's disease does not discriminate and can affect someone you love without warning. It is expected that by 2050, 14 million Baby Boomers will have Alzheimer's disease unless a cure is found.

Tickets can be purchased for the fundraiser by contacting Stacy Duncan, Social Service Department at the Missouri Veterans' Home - Mexico for \$15 or at the door the night of the event. Social hour with a cash bar will begin at 5 p.m. with the dinner starting at 6 p.m. The comedy show will follow shortly after the auction which will begin at approximately 6:45 p.m.

WARRIOR

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Alzheimer's Awareness Week In Mexico

Once again, various facilities in Mexico have agreed to take part in Alzheimer's Awareness Week which is scheduled for September 26 - 30, 2005.

Each facility listed below will plan either an awareness program, fun & games or a fund raiser for the day. The community is invited to participate as well as family & friends of the residents residing at the facility. Plans are to run an article in mid-September in the local newspaper to give the final details for the week. The facilities participating are:

Monday - King's Daughters - Games

Tuesday - Pin Oaks Nursing Home

Wednesday - Teal Lake Residential Care

Thursday - Lakeview Bend Residential Care

Friday - Missouri Veterans' Home with music, food and fun around the outdoor walking trail.

Mark your calendars and watch for final details in the local paper.

STAR AWARD

CONGRATULATIONS: Goes to the following employees who won the Star Award for the months of May and June 2005.

Sara Cuno was drawn for the Star Award for the Month of May 2005. Sara was nominated by April Iman for coming in on her day off! Your help was greatly appreciated!!!

Sara, your team work and willingness to come in on a day off demonstrates your dedication to taking care of our residents. Thank you so much.

Eddie Douglas drew this name from the group of stars. Thank you Eddie for your help!

Donna Mitchell was drawn for the Star Award for the Month of June 2005. Donna was nominated by Sara Cuno for cleaning up the whirlpool room and getting the tub ready for the next bath. Thank you very much!!!

Donna, your team work means a lot to your co-workers and they really appreciate your help!!! Good job taking care of the residents!

Horace White drew this name from the group of stars. Thanks Horace for your help!

WAY TO GO STAFF!

New Residents

Mr. Kenneth Jensen: Mr. Jensen was admitted on May 18, 2005 from Mexico, MO. He was the 945th resident. Mr. Jensen served in the Army from 1942 - 1945.

Mr. Billy Thrasher: Mr. Thrasher was admitted on May 25, 2005 from Cameron, MO. He was the 946th resident. Mr. Thrasher served in the Army from 1963 - 1965.

Mr. Frank Pearce: Mr. Pearce was admitted on June 8, 2005 from St. Louis, MO as the 947th resident. Mr. Pearce served in the Army from 1971 - 1977.

Ms. Leona McKinney: Ms. McKinney was admitted on June 13, 2005 from Mexico, MO as the 948th resident. She served in the Army from 1944 - 1945.

Mr. Donald Sproul: Mr. Sproul was admitted on June 14, 2005 from Brookfield, MO as the 949th resident. Mr. Sproul served in the Navy from 1943 - 1946.

Mr. Gilbert Green: Mr. Green was admitted on June 15, 2005 as the 950th resident. He is from Hermann, MO. Mr. Green served in the Air Force from 1939 - 1945 and 1947 - 1967.

Mr. Jack Whitten: Mr. Whitten was admitted from Auxvasse, MO as the 951st resident. He served in the Army from 1949 - 1952.

WELCOME, VETERANS!

Quilt Raffle

Sticky Wicket of Mexico has donated a quilt in shades of red, blue and tan to be used for a raffle. Tickets can be purchased at the facility in the administrative office or at Sticky Wicket. Proceeds from quilt will go into the Perpetual Trust Fund which will benefit the future of our Veterans. Drawing will be on Family Day, September 10, 2005.

Happy Birthday to you.....

AUGUST

Donald Sproul	08/01
Robert Marshall	08/03
John Kramel	08/05
Glen Blakley	08/07
Vernon Rockamann	08/09
Walter McFarland	08/10
Richard Hutchison	08/12
Roy Wahlers	08/19
Ken Hollender	08/22
Merlin Holt	08/26
Gilbert Green	08/27
George Fort	08/31

SEPTEMBER

George Sullivan	09/01
Delbert Buck	09/01
Noble Young	09/05
Carl Lightfoot	09/09
Lynn Woods	09/10
Norman Strom	09/15
Geary Frieling	09/15
John Schollmeyer	09/17
Charlie Myers	09/20
Forrest Sudbrock	09/24
Eddie Douglas	09/24
Rex Rodenbaugh	09/29

Veteran Photos Needed

The Mexico Village Square Association is planning their Sunset Festival for the month of September. This year's theme will be "Salute to the Veterans."

They have requested photos of our Veterans to place in store front windows during the month. If you would like to have a photo of your loved one placed in a window on the Mexico square, please contact Susan Paden, Supervisor of Volunteer Services at 573-581-1088 ext. 286 by Wednesday, August 10, 2005.

TAPS

The staff and the residents of MVH wish to express our deepest condolences to the family and friends of our residents who have passed away recently.

Mr. Willis Hill: Mr. Hill expired May 12, 2005. He served in the Navy from 1944 - 1947. Mr. Hill was admitted to the facility on June 2, 1998 as the 636th resident.

Mr. Peter Scott: Mr. Scott expired June 4, 2005. He served in the Army from 1940 - 1960. Col. Scott was admitted to the facility on August 17, 1999 as the 695th resident.

Mr. Clinton Trammell: Mr. Trammell expired on July 1, 2005. He served in the Army from 1942 - 1946. Mr. Trammell was admitted on August 27, 2003 as the 873rd resident.

Mr. Wayne Ziegler: Mr. Ziegler expired on July 12, 2005. He served in the Army from 1940 - 1945. Mr. Ziegler was admitted on January 12, 2004 as the 889th resident.

MEMORIALS

In memory of J.W. Patrick: Champ Clark VFW Auxiliary #5553

In memory of John Gallaher: Champ Clark VFW Auxiliary #5553

In memory of C.T. Wendel: Champ Clark VFW Auxiliary #5553

In memory of Katie Flynn: Linda Harlow

In memory of Colonel Peter Scott: Linda Harlow, Randall & Virginia Workman, Jenny & Craig Clark, Jefferson City Country Club, John & Jeanne Bardgett, Joyce Corman, Daniel & Rita Fester, Kathy Robinson, Michael Mattie Family

In memory of Robert Fields: Mr. & Mrs. Glen Whittaker

In memory of Clinton Trammell: Chris & Blanche Binggeli, Linda Harlow

In memory of Susan Huneyager: Betty David

In memory of Wayne Zeigler: Charles & Mary Guthrie, Carl & Hiroko Roberts, Mr. & Mrs. Buel Chrisman, Mr. & Mrs. Joe DeBoer, Mrs. Leona Auck & Mary Cockelreas

CENSUS

WW II	97
Korean	43
Vietnam	18
Peacetime	6

MEMORIALS

The following is a list of the memorials that have been sent to organizations in memory of our residents that have recently passed away:

Gamma Road - Eugene Surls
Ronald McDonald House - Eugene Thrift
Peyton R. Sheeley College Fund - Frank Harvey
American Cancer Society - Robert Begemann
St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Charles Fleahman
Habitat for Humanity - Floyd Willows
Alzheimers Association - Otto Baker
C.H. & L.M. Bennett Scholarship - Harry Crist
St. Brendan Catholic Church - Fred Mertens
Audrain County Crisis Center - Sherman Bise
Immaculate Conception Church - George Charlton

Golf Teams Still Needed

The 6th Annual MVH Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, August 13, 2005 at the Arthur Hills Golf Course in Mexico.

Joe Machens Ford in Columbia has donated a 2-year lease on a 2005 Mustang Convertible for the first hole in one on #6. Several individuals, groups & organizations will be recognized as hole, cart and corporate sponsors at the event.

We still have openings for teams to play in the 4-person scramble. If you are interested in registering an individual (will be assigned to a team) or team for the tournament you may contact, Susan Paden, Supervisor of Volunteer Services at 573-581-1088 ext. 286. Cost for a team is \$240 or \$60 for individuals. Registration is 9:30 - 10:30, lunch 10:30 - 11:30 with tee off around noon.

MVH Luau Held

Dietary & Activity Department held a Luau on Friday, July 22nd in the dining room. Authentic food was served for lunch. Pina Coladas, fun, games, and grass skirts were part of the events following lunch.

LOST AND FOUND

Social Services have been storing items that have been lost in the facility. During the past year, there have been several unclaimed items. Social Services will either throw away or donate items that have not been claimed by September 30, 2005.

The list consists of the following items:

- Gold wedding band
- Rosary
- Key that had duck tape on it
- Fingernail kit (green)
- 2 pairs of glasses
- Watch with a black leather band
- Coin purse

Memorial Services

The next Memorial Service will be held in the dining room on Monday, August 29, 2005 at 9:30. Everyone is welcome to attend.

News from the Social Service Department

The Alzheimer's Support Group meets the 4th Wednesday of every month in the 3rd floor classroom at 1:30 p.m. and is open to the public.

MVH Employee Corner

Ann Moore, CNA on night shift, was selected the MVH Employee of the Month for July 2005. Ann was nominated for her dedication to her job. You are always willing to orientate new employees and kind and considerate to the residents in helping to meet their physical and emotional needs. She was recognized at a reception on July 15, 2005. At that time, she received a certificate of appreciation, a reserved parking space for a month, a \$25 cash award, and a certificate for one paid day off from work. Her name and picture were placed on a plaque and displayed in the main lobby of the facility during the month of July. ***Congratulations, Ann!***

Congratulations goes out to Jeanetta Cheatum who is the proud grandmother of **twin** grandsons born on June 30, 2005 at 10:08 a.m.. Elias Eugene weighed 4 lbs 11 oz. and Mekhi Loren weighed 6 lbs. 1 oz. Mother and sons are doing fine. ***Congratulation, Grandma Jeanetta!***

Tammy Pew, LPN III from the Cameron Veterans Home was selected as the Missouri Veterans Commission June 2005 Employee of the Month. Ms. Pew was recognized for her quick professional response to an urgent situation which saved the life of one of their residents. Her ability to remain calm and able to communicate to other staff members to provide the immediate assistance needed is both admired and appreciated. A reception was held in her honor on Tuesday, June 14th at the facility in Cameron. ***Congratulations, Tammy!***

Steven Davis, Maintenance Worker II at the St. James Veterans Home, was selected as the Missouri Department of Public Safety July 2005 Meritorious Service Award. Mr. Davis was recognized for his willingness to go beyond assigned daily tasks to see to the needs of residents and staff. His creative and caring demeanor exemplifies his concern for the residents and for his fellow staff members. ***Congratulations, Steven!***

Douglas Meyer, Veterans benefits Claims Representative from the Service to Veterans Program/St. Louis Regional Office was selected as the Missouri Veterans Commission July 2005 Employee of the Month. Mr. Meyer was recognized for his resourcefulness in the development of outreach activities to bring awareness of the Veterans Commission to those in need of benefits during a ceremony on July 14th. ***Congratulations, Doug!***

EMPLOYEE UPDATE As of June 20, 2005

Amanda King, NA	05/23
Shannyn Koons, NA	05/25
Rhonda Ice, NA	06/06
Doreen Bishop, NA	06/16
Angela Buck, NA	06/16
Stormy Eikel, NA	06/16
Wilma Pinkerton, LPN	06/16
Carolyn Newton, DCA	06/19
Ellen Wilkins, NA	06/20

WELCOME!

BLOOD DRIVE

The Missouri Veterans' Home - Mexico will sponsor a blood drive with the American Red Cross on Wednesday, August 10, 2005 from 1-5 p.m. at the facility. To set up an appointment you may call, Susan Paden at 573-581-1088 ext. 286. Everyone is welcome.

Recreation News

Submitted by Darrin Reimann, Recreational Therapist

We hope everyone is having a good summer. It seems like it got hot early this year. We've been trying to beat the heat by having outdoor activities earlier in the morning. Some outdoor, and air conditioned programs we took part in are:

- * Shopping at the new Wal-Mart
- * Fish Fry in the pavilion
- * Bingo/BBQ with the Military Order of the Cooties and Auxiliary
- * Frozen Yogurt tasting
- * Picnics in the park
- * Flag Day activities
- * Going to the movies
- * Several music programs
- * Fourth of July Ice Cream and fireworks
- * Watermelon Feast
- * Pool Tournament
- * Trip to Hillside Golf for Ice Cream
- * Trip to Isle of Capri
- * Montgomery County Fair
- * Homemade Ice Cream
- * Trip to Bass Pro Shop
- * Fishing Trips

MVH FAMILY DAY

The MVH Annual Family Day is scheduled for Saturday, September 10, 2005 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the facility. Resident's family members and friends are invited to participate in the fun, food and festivities. If you plan on attending the event, please R.S.V. P. to Jeanie Farnen or Eric Endsley, co-chair of the event with the number that will be attending and the resident you will be visiting.

Employee Birthdays

August

Jeanetta Cheatum	08/03
Lucy Frosch	08/04
Kathy Righter	08/04
Martha Maggard	08/05
Carolyn Moser	08/07
Shelley Taylor	08/09
Tami Grawe	08/09
Brandy Clark	08/10
Bobbie McChristy	08/10
Tammy Bise	08/11
Mary Starks	08/11
Rose Woodhurst	08/12

Korey Smith	08/13
Wilma Pinkerton	08/14
Barbie Stroker	08/16
Pat Curtis	08/21
Cindy Shelton	08/22
Sally Beasley	08/23
Felicia Thewlis	08/24
Alicia Early	08/24
Richard Berrey	08/31

September

Don Adams	09/04
Carolyn Newton	09/07
Ruby Thomas	09/09
Shelly Lovelace	09/10
Amber Bosworth	09/11
Crystal Gale	09/12
Suzanne Sanders	09/14
Mary Anne Vines	09/17
Kathy McCluggage	09/17
Norma Applebee	09/18
Nina Maddox	09/20
J.R. Thomas	09/26

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO EVERYONE!

DONATIONS

General:

VFW Post #5923	\$ 100.00
American Legion Aux. #218	250.00
Elk Auxiliary #2517	200.00
VFW Past Com. Org. of Mo.	100.00
VFW Post #5923	100.00

Patio:

Lois Sublett	\$ 25.00
VFW Auxiliary #2180	75.00
Monroe Co. Am. Leg. Post #221	100.00
Lois Sublett	25.00
40/8 Voiture 292, Mo.	1000.00
American Legion Aux. #122	250.00
American Legion Post #229	100.00
Lady Elks #919	500.00
Bertha Singleton	100.00

BBQ/Bingo:

M.O.C. & M.O.C.A.	\$ 380.08
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Alzheimer's Association

MN Gift Gallery	\$ 25.00
Mexico Animal Hospital	100.00
Century 21	25.00
Melody's Quality Jewelry	25.00

Adopt-a-Vet

Hermann VFW Aux. #4182	\$ 25.00
Aud. Co. VFW Aux. #3772	60.00
Callaway VFW Aux. #2657	60.00
Hermann VFW Aux. #4182	25.00

Indigent:

VFW Auxiliary #5923	\$ 100.00
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Special Needs:

American Legion Aux. #349	\$ 200.00
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Staff Activities:

Wesley Hill	\$1174.66
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Activities:

Mexico Elks Lodge #919	\$ 70.00
St. Clair Elks Lodge #2651	102.00
Grand Lodge of the Elks	70.00
American Legion Post #210	100.00
VFW Auxiliary #8828	300.00
St. Clair Elks Lodge #2651	79.76
Mexico Elks Lodge #919	70.00
Mexico Lady Elks #919	50.00
Grand Lodge of the Elks	70.00

Bible Study:

ABC Club	\$ 10.00
ABC Club	10.00

Bingo:

VFW Auxiliary #3772	\$ 38.00
VFW Auxiliary #4088	30.00
American Legion Post #6	50.00
VFW Post #2173	20.00
VFW Auxiliary #2173	20.00
VFW Auxiliary #3772	38.00
American Legion Post #6	50.00
American Legion Post #210	50.00
VFW Post #2173	20.00
VFW Auxiliary #2173	20.00

BBQ:

VFW Post #35	\$ 400.00
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Special Care Unit:

Fritz Wenger Family	\$ 20.00
Marvin & Margaret Babb	20.00

MVH Staff Phone Directory

The following is a list of phone/fax numbers with extension numbers to various managers and areas in the facility that might be helpful to you in calling:

Missouri Veterans' Home - Phone # 573-581-1088

Missouri Veterans' Home - Fax # 573-581-5356

Clinic - Phone # 573-581-9630

Clinic - Fax # 573-581-0315

Marissa Flowers, Timekeeper	250
Susan Allen, Nursing Scheduler	252
Linda Baldwin, Personnel Clerk	254
Carolyn Widaman, 2nd Floor Unit Manager	289
Marlene Beene, Inservice Coordinator	262
Cherie Bledsoe-Sutton, Adm. Coord.	253
Doris Britton, Physical Therapy	259
Kelli Beede, Social Service	272
Cheryl Clark, Activity Therapist	273
Teresa Clay, 1st Floor Unit Manager	291
Gary Cole, Plant Maintenance Engineer	241
Patrick Stevenson, DON	263
Stacy Duncan, Director Social Service	265
Eric Endsley, Asst. Administrator	283
Jeanie Farnen, CIT	255
Mae Fennewald, Accountant	256
Ken Gore, Veterans Service Officer	258
Kathy Kuda, Medical Secretary	260
Kathy McCluggage, Account Clerk	257
Matthias McManus, Barber	276
Susan Paden, Supervisor Vol. Services	286
Darrin Reimann, Rec. Therapist	271
Barbie Stroker, RHIT	264
Cheryl Tolbert, Administrator	251
Phyllis Vanderhook, 3rd Floor Unit Manager	267
Gary Westerman, Supply Manager	279
Ronda Whelan, Storekeeper Asst.	280
Pat Wilson, Environmental Service	287
Woody Wilson, Food Service Manager	278
Kathy Winkelman, Activity Aide	295

1st Floor Nurses Station	221
2nd Floor Nurses Station	222
3rd Floor Nurses Station	223

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Golf Tournament Hole Sponsors:

VFW Post #3772	\$ 100.00
BPO Elks Columbia Lodge #594	100.00
Millie Baker, K. Cagle, K. Curtis	100.00
VFW Auxiliary #6603	100.00
St. Clair Lady Elks #2651	100.00
American Legion Aux. #122	100.00
VFW Post #4182	100.00
St. Charles Am. Leg. Aux. #312	100.00

Golf Tournament:

Albert & Betty Utterback	\$ 10.00
William & Nedra Conboy	35.00
Lt. Col. & Mrs. Anthony Namlick	25.00

Golf Tournament Cart Sponsors:

Loretto Cowles	\$ 50.00
Richard & Ruth Stone	50.00
Hermann VFW Aux. #4182	50.00
Brookstone	50.00
Bridget Sebastian	50.00
Neta Holmes	50.00
Ruth Chapman	50.00
Elks Lodge #2517	50.00
United Credit Union	50.00
Lt. Col. & Mrs. Anthony Namlick	50.00

Golf Team Registration:

David Neuendorf	\$ 240.00
Richard Stone	240.00
Roger Fisher	60.00
John Tolbert & Marty Harrison	120.00
Jerry Zoellner Enterprises	120.00
Gerald D. Long	60.00
CSJ Enterprises	240.00
Jerry Zoellner Enterprises	120.00
James Bridgford	60.00
Bill Davenport	60.00
Jack Davis	60.00
Dick Bowen	60.00

A Little Silence

The officer pulled over an elderly driver and asked, "Didn't you know that your wife fell out of the car a couple of miles back?"

"Thanks," the old gent said,
"I thought I'd gone deaf."

Victor, Mont. Brenda

Missouri Veterans' Home - Mexico Golf Tournament

Saturday, August 13, 2005

Mail Check and Entry Form to:
Susan Paden, Supervisor of Volunteer Services
Payable to: Missouri Veterans Home Assistance League
#1 Veterans Drive
Mexico, MO 65265
Entries must be in by Monday, August 1, 2005

_____ Yes, I have a team. _____ Yes, I would like to play. Please assign me a team.

_____ Yes, I need a cart. _____ One or _____ Two

Name _____ Handicap _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Name _____ Handicap _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Name _____ Handicap _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Name _____ Handicap _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Participation is limited
to the first 36 paid teams.



